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1. COL. COX AND I SAW KUWAITI CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL MUBARWS OCT 1 TO FOLLOW UP ON REFTELS. I CAREFULLY EXPLAINED USG POLICY OF NON-NEGOTIATING WITH TERRORISTS/KIDNAPPERS. HOWEVER, I ADDED, WE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF GEN. MUBARAK'S EFFORTS INTERVENE WITH PLF AND HOPED HE COULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE CONVINCE PLF RELEASE AMCITS. WE GAVE MUBARAK OCT 3 DEADLINE AND NAMES OF PRISONERS.

2. MUBARAK APPEARED SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK AT MY BROACHING SUBJECT TO HIM. HE EMPHASIZED HIS EFFORTS HAD BEEN "STRICTLY ON A PERSONAL BASIS, NOT AS GENERAL MUBARAK OR ON BEHALF OF KUWAITI GOVERNMENT." HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD SEVERAL ACQUAINTANCES FROM SCHOOL DAYS, NOW IN ERITREAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT, WHOM HE SAW FROM TIME TO TIME, EITHER IN ARAB WORLD OR ON VISITS TO LONDON AND EUROPE. LAST TIME HE SAW THEM WAS IN LONDON SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, AT WHICH TIME HE HAD ARGUED FOR RELEASE OF THE TWO MILITARY PRISONERS HE THEN KNEW ABOUT, ON CONFIDENTIAL

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HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND ON BASIS THAT SEIZING AND HOLDING FOR-

EIGNERS WAS BAD FOR ERITREAN CAUSE. MUBARAK SAID ERITREANS
HAD DENIED THEY ANTI-US AND HAD INDICATED THEIR BELIEF THE TWO
AMERICANS WOULD BE RELEASED.

3. COMMENT: ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE ABOVE DESCRIPTION OF
MUBARAK'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF THE TWO US MILITARY PRISONERS IS
SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH VERSION HE GAVE COL COX SEPT 29
(REF B), PARTICULARLY HIS EMPHASIS THIS TIME ON PERSONAL
NATURE - AND TIMING - OF HIS TALKS WITH ERITREANS. FRANKLY, I
WOULD NOT PUT MUCH FAITH IN EFFECTIVENESS HIS EFFORTS IN CONTEXT
PRESENT URGENT OCT 3 DEADLINE. I WILL ENDEAVOR REACH MINDEF
SHAIKH SAAD (WHO IS ACTING PRIME MINISTER) URGENTLY TO SEE IF
HE WILLING LEND A HAND.
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